

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED] 25X1TOPIC Military Information from Wurzen 25X1EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 8 January 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information[REDACTED] 25X1

1. From 20 to 27 November 1952, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. All windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. At 10 a.m. on 20 November, about 120 soldiers organized in platoons were seen drilling and 12 soldiers wearing fatigue uniforms were seen at the garages. At 4:30 p.m. on 24 November, 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying rifles entered the barracks installation, coming from the area north of the installation. Three guns were seen in the installation. At 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 27 November, about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen engaged in marching and rifle exercises.

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2. From 25 to 29 November, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops half of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and the other half black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED] 6 JS-3 tanks, 25 x 120-mm mortars and 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns were in the installation. No heavy weapons were seen during the period of observation. On 25 November, 23 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying submachine guns and entrenching tools and led by a senior lieutenant entered the installation, coming from the direction of the training area. Shortly thereafter, 54 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and led by two captains entered the installation. Five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen maintaining three trucks. Similar training activity was observed on 29 November.

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3. On 25 November, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia were seen at the installation. At 4 p.m., 1 officer and 16 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and carrying full field pack marched from the barracks installation toward the railroad station. On 3 December, an undetermined number of unarmed soldiers organized in groups were practicing in the southern section of the installation. The noise of close-combat drill was heard in a shed in the northern section of the installation. At noon, six young officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without insignia entered the installation, coming from the direction of the town. They carried small luggage. At 4 p.m., 5 officers and about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying entrenching tools were observed entering the installation. All quartering buildings were lighted at dusk.

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